

**Who was Catrina: wife of Stephen Jansz Van Voorhees of Jamaica?**by  
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The identification of Catrina Van Duyn as the wife of Stephen Jans Van Voorhees of Flatlands and Jamaica was first made by Albert L. Stokes in his 1984 edition of *The Van Voorhees Family in America, Volume I, The First Four Generations*.<sup>1</sup> Although Mr. Stokes provided no rationale for this placement and failed to identify the parents of Catrina Van Duyn, it has long been accepted by Van Voorhees genealogists and carried forward into subsequent publications by the Van Voorhees Association.<sup>2</sup> Given the fact that no marriage record for Stephen Jans Van Voorhees and his wife Catrina has survived; that the surname of Catrina never appeared in any extant baptismal records; and that several Van Duyn family members appeared as sponsors at the baptisms of the Van Voorhees children, this placement by Mr. Stokes was assumed to be correct. However, Van Duyn researchers have long questioned this placement primarily because there is no record of a Catrina Van Duyn elsewhere, and her presumed date of birth does not allow her to fit comfortably into the greater Van Duyn family. If Mr. Stokes had researched the Van Duyn family and found that the wife of Cornelius Van Duyn was Machteltje Huyken, and the wife of Denys Van Duyn was Marytje Huyken, this might have led him to the Huyken family, and Catryna Huyken, sister of Machteltje and Marytje. Indeed, circumstantial evidence will show that it was Catrina Huyken, the daughter of William Huyken of Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, and his wife Annetje Andries Willjards, who was the wife of Stephen Jansz Van Voorhees.

**Van Voorhees Family**

Jan Stephensz (Van Voorhees), the son of Stephen Coertsz and Willempje Seubering, was betrothed to Cornelia Reyniers Wizzelpenning on 17 March 1678 at Flatbush,<sup>3</sup> and his wife Cornelia died shortly after the birth of their son Stephen Jansz. Jan Stephensz, widower, was subsequently betrothed on 12 September 1680 to Femmetje Aukes (Van Nuys) (married 8 October 1680),<sup>4</sup> by whom he had another 10 children. All 11 children are named in his will, executed 3 January 1723 and proved 20 November 1735.<sup>5</sup> Stephen Jansz Van Voorhees was baptized 21 December 1679 at Flatbush,<sup>6</sup> the only child of Jan Stephensz (Van Voorhees) and his first wife Cornelia Reyniers Wizzelpenning. Circa 1705, this Stephen Jansz (Van Voorhees) married Catrina, the mother of all his ten children, including Cornelia, **William**, Jan, Stephen, Cornelius, Roelof, Jacob, Lucas, **Antje** and Elisabeth. It is important to note here that Stephen Jansz and his wife Catrina named a daughter Cornelia and son Jan, undoubtedly after the paternal grandparents; and a son William and daughter Antje, presumably after the maternal grandparents. All but two children are named in his will dated 12 November 1757 and proved 18 September 1759, wherein he named his wife "Sarah" who has not been identified.<sup>7</sup> Stephen Jansz (Van Voorhees) and his wife Catrina baptized two children in the Brooklyn Dutch Church, and another 4 children in the Jamaica Dutch Church, and these records will be discussed later in the article.

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<sup>ii</sup> Abstracts of Wills, Administrations and Guardianships in NY State, 1787 - 1835. , (Online database: NewEnglandAncestors.org, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2006), (From material originally compiled by William A. D. Eardeley, now held by the Brooklyn Historical Society.) Page 28

Maria Lott, of New Lotts, Flatbush, spinster, Will dated 1 May 1802.

Wearing apparel to "such of the daughters of my late brother Hendrick Lott, deceased," as shall be living at death of testatrix. To Catharine Snediker, daughter of Isaac I. Snediker, of New Lotts, silver bowl and spoons. To brother Hendrick Lott's son Hendrick large Dutch Bible. To the three sons of late nephew Peter Rapalje, deceased, viz: Jacob, Downe and Peter Rapalje, all rights in Flatbush Church. Proceeds from sale of realty and personalty to said sons of said late nephew Peter Rapalje, deceased, Legacies to Nettie Snediker, daughter of said Isaac Snediker and to Dinah Brinckerhoff, daughter of George Brinckerhoff, late of New Town, deceased. Part of balance unto such of the children of said late brother Hendrick Lott, deceased, as shall be living at death of testatrix and another part to nephew Jacob Rapalje, of New Town; and balance to said sons of said late nephew Peter Rapalje, deceased. Exts: nephew Jacob Rapalje, of New Town and friends Johannis I. Lott and Christopher Lott, both of New Lotts, yeomen. Wits: John D. Ditmas; and Johannes H. Eldert and Johannis Eldert, farmers, of New Lotts. Pro: 16 February 1804,, pp 401-406. Codicil 19 January 1804 recites that executor Christopher Lott is deceased and friend Johannes Remsen, of Flatlands, yeoman, is appointed. Wits: Abraham Van Siclen, farmer, of New Lotts; Simon Rapalje and Cornelis Eldert. Pro: 16 Feb 1804. pp 401-406

Note: The extensive probate records [see footnote #27] involve the heirs of those named in the above document, many of whom were living in either New Jersey or upstate New York.



## REPLIES TO QUERIES

*Readers are urged to send copies of their replies to the Editor so that this regular forum can prove to be helpful to present and future readers. The following contributors have generously shared their knowledge and comments about questions asked in the previous issues.*

2007-28 ["David Jamison, born 1660 in Scotland, came to New Amsterdam and married the youngest daughter (Joanna) of Johanna De Bruyn about 1685."] I find this statement unnecessarily misleading. David Jamison married Johanna De Witt, daughter of Johannes De Witt and Johanna Gerrits Torenburgh. Johannes De Witt was the first spouse of this elder Johanna and Jan Hendricksz De Bruyn was her third. In essence, wouldn't it be more accurate to say that David married Johanna De Witt, daughter of Johanna Gerrits Torenburgh and her first spouse, Johannes De Witt?

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2007-34 [Are Cornelius Volkertszen Viele and Cornelis Viele the same individual or two different men?] The Cornelis Viele who married Catharina Bogartus in 1693 in New York was the son of Aernout Cornelis Viele and Gerritje Gerritse Vandermeulen. Catharina was the second wife of Cornelis, his first being Marritie Adolfs De Groot who was slain by Indians 9 February 1690. Aernout Cornelis Viele was the son of Cornelis Volkertszen Viele and Marie Du Truax. Therefore, the two gentlemen named Cornelis Viele are grandfather and grandson.

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## Van Duyn Family

Teunis G. Bergen in his article on this family that appeared in the New York Genealogical & Biographical Record in 1879, described the Van Duyn family thusly:<sup>8</sup> Gerrit Cornelissen Van Duyn immigrated in 1649 from Nieuwerkerk, in Zeeland Province, and probably settled first in New Amsterdam, before removing to Brooklyn. He married Jacomyntje, daughter of Jacob Swarts of New Amsterdam, and died in 1706. Although Bergen erroneously assigned other children to this family group, Gerrit Cornelissen (Van Duyn) and Jacomyntje Swart undoubtedly had children Cornelis, Denys, Abraham and Aeltje.<sup>9</sup> Gerrit Cornelissen Van Duyn executed a will dated 30 June 1705, proved 14 June 1706<sup>10</sup> in which he named his wife "Jackominie" and the four children named above [note: there was no daughter named Catrina]. Cornelis Gerritsz Van Duyn was betrothed 3 January 1691 at Brooklyn to Machteltje Huyken, the daughter of Willem Huyken and Annatje Andries Willjards.<sup>11</sup> Denys Gerritsz Van Duyn was betrothed on 4 February 1691 at Flatbush to Marytje Huyken, another daughter of Willem Huyken and Annatje Andries Willjards.<sup>12</sup> Cornelis Van Duyn and others of that surname appear as sponsors at the baptisms of the children of Stephen Jansz (Van Voorhees) and wife Catrina, which will be discussed below. However, it is important to note here that if the wife of Stephen Jansz (Van Voorhees) had been a daughter of either Cornelius Van Duyn or Denys Van Duyn who both married in 1691, she would not have been born much earlier than 1692, making her only 12 or 13 years of age at the time of her betrothal, an age that is difficult to accept. Furthermore, both the families of Cornelis Gerritsz Van Duyn and Denys Gerritsz Van Duyn (and their respective Huyken wives, Machteltje and Marytje) named their eldest children Willem and Antje (after the maternal grandparents) and Gerrit and Jacomyntje (after the paternal grandparents), following traditional Dutch naming patterns.

## Huyken Family

Little is known of the Huyken family, but Teunis G. Bergen discussed them in a lengthy footnote contained in his *The Bergen Family* (1876), and in his *Early Settlers of Kings County* (1881).<sup>13</sup> Bergen wrote (in part): Willem Huyken, tailor, immigrated in 1663; married circa 1663 to Annatje Andries Willjards by whom he had a total of [nine] children, six of whom are named in his unrecorded will dated 27 March 1687 (no probate); subsequently proved (at the request of "Simon Aertsen and Antje Aertsen") 25 January 1693/4 and duly recorded.<sup>14</sup> Following the death of Willem Huyken circa 1690, his widow Annetje Andries Willjards was betrothed to Simon Aersen DeHart on 19 Jun 1691.<sup>15</sup> Huyken's farm was sold after his death, to Cornelis Gerrtse Van Duyn.<sup>16</sup> Annetje Andries Willjards appeared as a sponsor (along with her son-in-law, Cornelius Gerrits Van Duyn) at the baptism of at least one of her Van Voorhees grandchildren, using her husband's patronymic, and will be discussed below.

Children of Willem Huyken and Annatje Andries Willjards (birth order from will):

1. Jacob, baptized 29 December 1666 in New York<sup>17</sup> d.y.

2. Machteltje, born circa 1669; married Cornelis Gerritsz Van Duyn 3 January 1691 (Brooklyn)
3. Marytje, born circa 1672; married Denys Gerritsz Van Duyn 4 February 1691 (Flatbush)
4. Annetje, born circa 1675; married Anthony Kaar circa 1704; lived in New York City
5. Geertruy, born circa 1678; NFI
6. **Catrina**, born circa 1681; married Stephen Jansz (Van Voorhees) circa 1704
7. Jannetje, baptized 28 January 1683 at Brooklyn;<sup>18</sup> d.y.
8. Elisabeth, baptized 29 April 1686 at Brooklyn;<sup>19</sup> married Abraham Van Dyke circa 1705
9. Margriet, baptized (posthumously) 29 July 1688 at Brooklyn;<sup>20</sup> NFI

### **Stephen Jansz (Van Voorhees) and wife, Catrina Huyken**

Having eliminated the possibility that the wife of Stephen Jansz (Van Voorhees) was Catrina Van Duyn; and having established the existence of Catrina Huyken and the marriages of her sisters to the Van Duyn brothers, it becomes clear that Stephen Jansz (Van Voorhees) married circa 1705 Catrina Huyken, the daughter of Willem Huyken and Annetje Andries Willjards of Brooklyn.

Children of Stephen Jansz (Van Voorhees) and Catrina Huyken (surname Van Voorhees):

1. Cornelia, born circa 1706 [no baptismal record found]; married circa 1733 to Lawrence Haff, the son of Juriaen Haff and Anna Catrina Sleght, and they lived in Jamaica, Queens, New York.<sup>21</sup>

[Note: Cornelia was named after the paternal grandmother, Cornelia Reyniers Wizzlepenning]

2. **Willem**, baptized 1 August 1708 at Brooklyn;<sup>22</sup> he married Alieda Baernse, the daughter of Jan Baernse and Anatie (\_\_\_?) circa 1739 at Jamaica, Queens, New York; the will of William Voorhees, of Kingwood Township, Hunterdon, New Jersey, was dated 26 March 1782 and proved 18 October 1788. It mentions wife Allada, son John, daughter Catharine Allen and her children, grandson Cornelius (the full text is given in E. Van Voorhis, *The Van Voorhees Family*, page 514. An abstract can be found in *New Jersey Archives*, Vol. 35, page 422).<sup>23</sup>

[Note: Willem was undoubtedly named for the maternal grandfather (deceased), Willem Huyken. The sponsors were Cornelius Van Duyn (the husband of Machteltje Huycken), and ANNETJE AERSEN, the maternal grandmother, the widow of Willem Huycken and now the wife of Simon Aerszen (De Hart). Annetje Andries Willjard was clearly using her husband's patronymic when she stood as sponsor for her grandson, Willem Van Voorhees, named in honor of her deceased first husband.

3. Jan, baptized 28 May 1710 at Brooklyn;<sup>24</sup> he married Maria Springsteen, daughter of Joost Springsteen, circa 1737. The will of John Vorhis of Clarkstown, Rockland, New York, was dated 26 July 1793 and proved 17 November 1798. It mentions grandson John Vorhis, son Stephen, children of my son Stephen viz: Mary, John, Hendrick, and Janetye, children of my daughters: John Magee, Joost Springsteet, Mary Springsteet, Cornelia Springsteet, John De Noyles and John Magee.<sup>25</sup>

[Note: Jan was named for the paternal grandfather, Jan Stephensz (Van Voorhees), and the sponsors were Jan Jansz and Magdalena Janz, both step-siblings of Stephen Jansz and children of Jan Stephensz and his second wife Femmetje Aukes Van Nuys.]

4. Stephen, born circa 1712; he married (1<sup>st</sup>) to Margaret Lefferts, daughter of Jan Lefferts and Margaret (\_\_\_?\_\_\_) on 1 May 1748 at St. George's Anglican Church, Hempstead, Queens, New York; he married (2<sup>nd</sup>) circa 1751 to Ann Baldwin and died on 23 December 1799. He moved from White Plains, then to North Castle, Westchester, New York, and finally to Drake Settlement, now Spencer, Tioga, New York, in 1804. Very little is known about this family.<sup>26</sup>

5. Cornelius, baptized 31 July 1715 at Jamaica;<sup>27</sup> he married (1<sup>st</sup>) circa 1742 to Emie Robbins; he married (2<sup>nd</sup>) circa 1764 to Aeltye Cuyper, the widow of Matthew Hopper. He lived at Oyster Bay, Queens, New York and later Clarkstown, Rockland, New York.<sup>28</sup>

[Note: the sponsors at his baptism, Gerret Van Duyn and Annettie Van Duyn, were probably the elder children of Cornelis Gerritsz Van Duyn and Macheltje Huyken]

6. Roelof, born circa 1718; he married Cornelia (\_\_\_?\_\_\_) circa 1756. The will of Ruluf Vorhis, farmer, of Hempstead, Queens, New York, "very sick and weak in Body" was dated 7 October 1777, and proved 19 December 1777. It mentions wife Cornelia, daughter Catharine Vorhis, sons Stephen and Abraham. The executors were his daughter Catharine and his cousins Simon Voorhis and John Pratt; witnesses James Evert, David Ludlow and Jacob Peterson.<sup>29</sup>

7. Jacob, baptized 2 April 1721 at Jamaica,<sup>30</sup> died before 1757.

[Note: the sponsors at his baptism, Willem Van Duyn and Arreyantie Van Duyn, were Willem, (son of Cornelis Gerrits Van Duyn and Macheltje Huyken), and his bride, Ariaantje Ditmars]

8. Lucas, baptized 7 April 1723 at Jamaica;<sup>31</sup> he married Maria VanVoorhees, daughter of Jan Lucassen VanVoorhees and Mayke Schenck and died circa 1761. The will of Lucas Voorhees of New Bushwick, Kings, New York was dated 21 September 1757 and probated 17 March 1761. It mentions his wife Mary and his children but not by name. [WNYHS 6:55]<sup>32</sup>

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9. Antje, born circa 1727; she married circa 1746 Jonathan Pratt, the son of John Pratt and Ann ( ? ? ), and lived at Oyster Bay, Queens, New York.<sup>33</sup>

[Note: Antje was undoubtedly named after the maternal grandmother, Annetje Andries Willjards]

10. Elizabeth, baptized 24 August 1729 at Jamaica;<sup>34</sup> NFI

### Genealogical Summary

Admittedly, absent the all-important marriage record for Stephen Jansz (Van Voorhees) and Catrina Huyken, the evidence that she was indeed his wife is strictly circumstantial, but nevertheless compelling. The chronological analysis (eliminating the possible existence of a Catrina Van Duyn); the positive identification of Catrina Huyken (sister of Machteltje and Marytje, both wives of Van Duyn brothers), naming patterns of the children, and extant baptismal records with Van Duyn sponsors (including the appearance of Annetje Andries Willjards, her mother, as the wife of Simon Aersen DeHart), clearly point towards Catrina Huyken as the wife of Stephen Jansz (Van Voorhees).

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<sup>1</sup> Stokes, Albert L. *The Van Voorhees Family in America, Volume I, The First Four Generations*; published by the Van Voorhees Association (1984); page 76. [hereinafter VVFA, Stokes (1984)]

<sup>2</sup> In 2000 a new book was published called *The Van Voorhees Family in America The first 6 Generations*. It corrects many errors in the 1984 book and adds many names. In 2003 another book was published called *The Van Voorhees Family in America the 7th and 8th Generations*. Included in this book is a section called updates which adds to the first 6 generations. A third item has just been published on CD called *The Van Voorhees Family in America the 9th generation*. This CD again contains updates to the earlier books. Since it is a CD, a lot more information was included, plus all updates to the earlier books. According to Florence A. Christoph, none of the updates mentioned Catrina Van Duyn, and the identification was carried forward.

<sup>3</sup> *Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Flatbush, Kings County, Volume 1 1677-1720*; translated and edited by Dr. David William Voorhees; Holland Society publication (1998). Page 215 (hereinafter Flatbush, Voorhees) 17 Mar 1678; "Jan Stephensz, young man from Ruinen in Drenthe, residing in Amersfort, with Cornelia Reiners Wizzelpenning, young lady from Flushing, also residing at Amersfort."

<sup>4</sup> [Flatbush, Voorhees, page 227] "Betrothed on 12 September 1680. Jan Stephensz, widower of Cornelia Reijniers Wizzelpenning, with Femmetje Aukes, young lady from Brooklyn; both residing in New Amersfort; and married the 8th October [1680] at Amersfort, Friday, at the close of the Preparatory sermon."

<sup>5</sup> *Abstract of wills on file in the surrogate's Office, City of New York (Volume III. 1730-1744)* Page 185. Liber 12, page 383; "In the name of God, Amen, January 3, 1723. I, John Stephenson, of Flatlands, in Kings County, leave to my wife Femitty all houses, lands, and meadows in Flatlands, during her life. And after her decease they are to be sold and the proceeds to be divided among my eleven children: Stephen, Auken, Willemppe, John, Roeloff, Magdalena, Lucas, Albert, Abraham, Femittie and Jacobus. All my personal property to my wife and then to my children, My eldest son Stephen is to have 20 shillings more

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than his share for his birth right. I make my wife executor. Witnesses - William Kowenhoven, Dirck Amerman, and S. Gerrits. Proved before Richard Stillwell, in Kings County. November 20, 1735."

<sup>6</sup> [Flatbush, Voorhees, Page 395] "21 December 1679 at Amersfort. Child: Stephen. Parents: Jan Stephensz, Cornelia Reyniers (deceased). Witnesses: Willemtje Seubering, Lucas Stephens."

<sup>7</sup> *Abstracts of wills on file in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York (Volume V. 1754-1760) Page 339* Liber 21, Page 413.--In the name of God, Amen. "I, STEPHEN VOORHEES (commonly called and known by the name of STEPHEN JOHNSON), of Jamaica, in Queens County, yeoman, being through God's Goodness in good Health." I leave to my wife Sarah all goods or estate which she had or brought with her to me since I married her, Also one of the best horses and cows, and £70, in full payment of a bond given by me to her in our marriage contract, and she is to have the whole use of estate until it is paid. I leave to my daughter Antie, wife of Jonathan Pratt, my great cupboard and my riding horse. All the rest of my estate to be sold at public vendue and turned into money, and divided among my children, Cornelia, wife of Lawrence Hoff, William, John, Stephen, Cornelius, Roelof, Lucas, and Antie. I make my sons Stephen and Roelof, and Andrew Scidmore, executors.

Dated November 12, 1757. Witnesses, Benjamin Hinchman, John Hinchman, Benjamin Hinchman, Jr. Proved in Court of Common Pleas, September 18, 1759.

<sup>8</sup> Bergen, Teunis G. "Contributions to the History of the Early Settlers of Kings County, N.Y." *The Van Duyn Family. The New York Genealogical & Biographical Society Record* 10 (1879), pp 155-161 (hereinafter Bergen, "Van Duyn Family") at 155/6. [Also reprinted in *Genealogies of Long Island Families*, on pp 650-657 of Volume I]

<sup>9</sup> Also see Gwen F. Epperson. 'Jacob Hellakers Alias Swart and Some of His Descendants' in \**New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, Vol. 121 (January 1990), pp 13-18. She mentioned the Van Duyn family, but referred the reader to Bergen's article above named.

<sup>10</sup> *Abstract of wills on file in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York (Volume I. 1665-1707) Page 423.* Liber 7, Page 320 Garitt Van Duyn.

In the name of God, Amen. Be it known and manifest unto all people, that I, Garitt Van Duyn, of New Utrecht in Kings county, being in good health, do make this my last will and testament. I leave to my wife Jackominie the choice of my negroes. I leave to my son Cornelius Van Duyn, the farm where I now live at New Utrecht, with all houses and buildings, with all rights and privileges in the Commons of New Utrecht; and he is to pay the following legacies within twelve years, viz, to my son Denyse and to my daughter Ashe, and her children each, 150 pounds sterling. I leave to my children, Cornelius, Denyse, Abraham, and Ashe, all my lands in Dutchess county. The share of my daughter Ashe is to be managed by my executors for the benefit of herself and her children. I leave to my wife 25 pounds sterling, and 12 pounds yearly, for life. I leave to my son Cornelius, all my working tools for the carpenters and wheel wrights work, and I make him executor.

Dated June 30, 1705. Witnesses, Henry Filkin, Peter Cortelyou, Jan Van der Beck. Proved, June 14, 1706

<sup>11</sup> *New York Manuscripts: Dutch. Old First Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn, New York. First Book of Records, 1660-1752.* Translated and Edited by A.P.G. Jos van der Linde. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1983. Page 217 (hereinafter Brooklyn Dutch Church). The record reads: "Cornelis van Duijn, young man born in New Amersfort, and Machtelje Huyken, young woman also born in New Amersfort. They had their banns proclaimed with the consent of their parents: Gerrit Cornelissen van Duijn, father of the bridegroom; .... ijntje van Duijn [Jacomyntje Swart], his mother; [and] Annitje Huijke, mother of the bride." [names and words in brackets added by the compiler]

<sup>12</sup> [Flatbush, Voorhees, pp 270-271] 4 February 1691. Betrothed: "Deonys Gerrets van Duijn, young man at New Utrecht, with Marytie BUYCSIE (sic), young lady at Brooklyn." The Dutch original is on page 270, and the English translation is on page 271.

<sup>13</sup> Bergen, Teunis G., *The Bergen family, or, The descendants of Hans Hansen Bergen, one of the early settlers of New York and Brooklyn, L.I.* with notes. Albany, N.Y.: Joel Munsell, 1876, page 275 and Bergen, Teunis G. Register in Alphabetical Order of the Early Settlers of Kings County, Long Island, N.Y. New York (1881) p 151

<sup>14</sup> *Abstracts of wills on file in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York (Volume XI - unrecorded wills prior to 1790)* pp 171-172. *Abstract of wills on file in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York (Volume I. 1665-1707)* pp 231-232; Liber 5-6; WILLIAM HUYKSEN [Huyken]. Recorded for Simon Aertsen, and Antie Aertsen. "In the Name of God, Amen. In the year 1687, this 27 day of March, appeared before me Jacobus Vandewater, Public Notary, admitted in the Town of Brookland, in Kings Co., and there residing, Mr. Wm.

Huyksen, Anntie Andies Williard, his wife, inhabitants of Gowanus, being known to me, and both being in perfect health, goeing and standing, and of full understanding, and not willing to depart this life before they have disposed of their temporal estate." They made the survivor of the two the sole heir to all the estate, but if the survivor remarry, one half is to be given to the children, namely, Machtell, Mary, Anna, Gretie, Catharina and Elizabeth, and such other children as they may yet have. Written at the house of the testators in the presence of John Jansen, Hendrick Sleght, Jacobus Vandewater.

Proved by the oath of above witnesses, and confirmed by Governor Benjamin Fletcher, January 25, 1693/4.

<sup>15</sup> (Flatbush, Voorhees, p 272) Dated 19 June 1691; "Symon Aerse Ter Haert, widower of Geertie Cornelisz, with Annetie Anderies Welijaerd, widow of Willm Huijke, both residing in Brooklyn".

<sup>16</sup> Frost, Josephine C. Long Island Source Records, Genealogical Gleanings from Book No. 2 of Conveyances, Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY. New York Genealogical & Biographical *Record* Vol. 54, p 106 (April 1923); p. 12; Simon Aertsen and wife Anna, late widow and executrix of William Huyken, deceased, deed Cornelius Garrettson April 30, 1694, a certain farm at "Goanus," the description of which follows. Recorded on 27 October 1694 by Henry ffilkin, Register.

<sup>17</sup> *Baptisms from 1639 to 1730 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York*, Collections of the NYG&B Society, Vol. II, (1901), p 85. 29 Dec. 1666; Willem Huycken, Annetje; Jacob; Jan Colyn, Tytie Davids

<sup>18</sup> [Brooklyn Dutch Church, page 122] 28 Jan 1683 Jannitje Wit: Pieter Sinkam, Debra Sinkam

<sup>19</sup> [Brooklyn Dutch Church, page 125] 29 Apr 1686 Elisabeth Wit: Jan Darval, Elisabeth Hegemans

<sup>20</sup> [Brooklyn Dutch Church, page 127] 29 Jul 1688 Margriet Wit: Willem Leijnes, Andrei Tammessen, Marrij Leijnes, Marrij Tammes

<sup>21</sup> Information from the Van Voorhees Family in America as per Florence A. Christoph [see Footnote #2]

<sup>22</sup> [Brooklyn Dutch Church, page 153] 1708, August 1. Willem; parents: Steven Janze, Ctrina (sic); witnesses: Cornelis van Duyn, Annetje Aersen.

<sup>23</sup> Information from the Van Voorhees Family in America as per Florence A. Christoph [see Footnote #2]

<sup>24</sup> [Brooklyn Dutch Church, page 155] 1710, May 28. Jan; parents: Steven Janz, Catrijna; witnesses: Jan Janz, Madalena Janz.

<sup>25</sup> Information from the Van Voorhees Family in America as per Florence A. Christoph [see Footnote #2]

<sup>26</sup> Information from the Van Voorhees Family in America as per Florence A. Christoph [see Footnote #2]

<sup>27</sup> *Records of the First Reformed Dutch Church, Jamaica*, bapt., 1714-16; New York Genealogical and Biographical *Record*. Oct 1974. (hereinafter Jamaica Baptisms); Vol. 105, page 206; 31 July 1715 Parents: Steven Janse, Catrijntie Janse; Child: Cornelis; witnesses: Gerrit Van Duijn, Anntie V. Duijn.

<sup>28</sup> Information from the Van Voorhees Family in America as per Florence A. Christoph [see Footnote #2]

<sup>29</sup> Information from the Van Voorhees Family in America as per Florence A. Christoph [see Footnote #2]

<sup>30</sup> [Jamaica Dutch Church, NYG&BR 106:88, April 1975] 2 April 1721 Parents: Steeven Jansen, catryntie Jansen. Child; Jacob; witnesses: Willem van duyn, Arreyantie van duyn.

<sup>31</sup> [Jamaica Dutch Church, NYG&BR 106:93, April 1975] 7 April 1723 Parents: Steven Jansen, Caatie Jansen. Child: Lucus; witnesses: Lucus Van voorhesen, Antie Van voorhesen.

<sup>32</sup> Information from the Van Voorhees Family in America as per Florence A. Christoph [see Footnote #2]

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<sup>34</sup> [Jamaica Dutch Church, NYG&BR 107:34, Jan 1976] 24 August 1729 Parents: Stevee Jansen, Catryntie Jansen. Child: Elisabet. [No witnesses' names recorded]

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2007-36. I am looking for the parents of Mehitabel Meeks. She was born 14 February 1708, and she died 24 July 1792 in Ramapo, New York. She married Lewis Conklin of Sleepy Hollow, New York.

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